



Minutes (LPD 1498-1505) of a meeting of the London Production Divisional Committee held at 1100 on Saturday 18 January 2020 in Conference Room 1 at BECTU Head Office, 373-377 Clapham Road, London SW9 9BT

1 Present

Roy Dawson ((Props Branch), Martin Denham (Writers Producers & Directors Branch), Phil Rhodes (Camera Department Branch), Rab Wilson (Post Production & Facilities Branch), Tim Bertani (Camera Department Branch), Guy Bishop (Locations Department Branch), John Burke (Lighting Technicians Branch), Stu Leadmonth (Assistant Directors Branch)

Chair: Nick Ray (Certified Grips & Crane Technicians Branch)

Vice Chair & Assistant Secretary: Tim Potter (Camera Department Branch)

Secretary: Tony Scott (Animation & New Media Branch)

Assistant National Secretary: Paul Evans

2 Apologies

Joe Pavlo (Visual Effects Branch), Mark Thornton (Lighting Technicians Branch), Dawn Spragg (Film Artistes Branch)

3 Agenda

LPD letter 54 was submitted, and it was

Agreed (LPD 1498) to endorse LPD letter 52: LPD Committee agenda version 1.1 for the meeting of 18 January 2020 with the addition of the following new items – proposed Tony Garnett award & event and NEC elections.

4 Minutes of previous meeting

LPD letter 53 was submitted, and it was

Agreed (LPD 1499) to endorse LPD letter 53: LPD Committee minutes (LPD 1486-1497) version 1.0 for the meeting held on 9 November 2019.

5 Industrial report

- a) Feature film production agreement – A report was given of the negotiating meeting with PACT held on 13 November 2019. It was agreed Bectu's position would remain that travelling time is calculated from base.
- b) Independent television drama production agreement – The current situation was reported.
- c) APA Agreement – Nothing to report.
- d) BBC Drama Agreements – It was reported that consultation was currently being carried out with branches on draft preposed revised agreements.
- e) Rate cards – Nothing to report.
- f) Death of Mark Milsome – Nothing to report.
- g) Low budget action plan – Version 0.2 was circulated to the meeting, and a change was agreed to the text concerning film budgets.

6 Membership report

The meeting noted LPD membership statistics.

7 Branch reports

Animation & New Media Branch – No report.

Assistant Directors Branch – It was reported the last AGM resulted in the election of a new branch committee.

Camera Department Branch – A general meeting held in December 2019 was reported.

Certified Grips & Crane Technicians Branch – Current discussions with NFTS on training were reported.

Lighting Technicians Branch – No report.

Post Production & Facilities Branch – The current situation was reported.

Props Branch – No report.

Visual Effects Branch – It was reported that a branch website would be launched shortly.

Writers Producers & Directors Branch – It was reported an event was being organised for the end of January 2020.

8 Organisational report

- a) Prospect Union Week – The current situation was reported.
- b) Runners Branch propositions – It was reported the matters that were raised where being progressed.
- c) Draft LPD Bye-laws version 1.33 – It was noted the SEC had agreed to LPD 1491 in SEC 11830.
- d) Junior Grades SDC – the revised version of *By-laws for the Junior Grades SDC of the LPD* taken under LPD 1492 was
Agreed (LPD 1500) to the revised version of the *By-laws for the Junior Grades SDC of the LPD* with the addition of adding version number.
- e) Branch memo – Take at the next meeting.
- f) Annual Members Forum and Freelancers Fair 2020 – It was reported that organisation of this event was continuing.
- g) NEC elections – It was reported the recent nominations procedure for the Prospect NEC elections was somewhat strange. Following discussion, it was
Agreed (LPD 1501) the LPD Vice-Chair writes to the Head of Bectu proposing the NEC election procedure is amended to make it more democratic.
- h) Proposed Tony Garnett award & event – The discussion at the last Writers Producers & Directors Branch Committee meeting was reported, and it was
Agreed (LPD 1502) to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

9 Reports

- a) SEC – The SEC minutes for 24 November 2019 (SEC 11806-11845) were submitted, and it was
Agreed (LPD 1503) to note the SEC minutes for 24 November 2019 (SEC 11806-11845).
- b) Communications – It was pointed out this matter was breaking the agreement that was made when Bectu amalgamated with Prospect ie Bectu would be allowed to be a standalone sector in Prospect with no external interference. It was now understood the Prospect Marketing department had become involved. Further to LPD 1496, which was covered in SEC 11830, it was

Agreed (LPD 1504) the LPD Secretary to draw the attention of all other Bectu divisional committees to the current situation and of LPD 1496 and urge them to pass similar resolutions for the attention of the SEC.

- c) Divisional – No report.
- d) Equality – No report.
- e) Health and safety – No report.
- f) Training – No report.
- g) Film Policy Committee – No report.
- h) Young Members Forum – No report.
- i) Copyright Committee – No report.

10 Dates of future meetings

Following discussion, it was

Agreed (LPD 1505) to hold the first meeting of 2021 in February.

(All **LPD Committee meetings** on Saturday at 1100) **25 April 2020** (followed by joint LPD/RPD meeting), [26 April 2020 BECTU SEC], [9 May 2020 Annual Members Forum, Paddington], [16-18 May 2020 Prospect National Conference, Bournemouth], **20 June 2020** [5 July 2020 BECTU SEC], **7 November 2020** [22 November 2020 BECTU SEC]

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